The Malampuzha project has been postponed till the requirements of other districts more in need of irrigation have been attended to.

(b) & (c) The Government have received a report on the subject from the Chief Engineer for Irrigation. The matter is still under consideration.

Investigation of the Bandaganepalli Mekabanda project.

*897 Q.—Mr. B. RAMACHANDRA REDDI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bandaganepalli Mekabanda project in Udayagiri taluk, Nellore district, was investigated some years back, and that estimates have been prepared during the tenure of Mr. MacLean as the District Collector;

(b) if so, why it was not given effect to, and at what stage the matter stands now;

(c) whether it is a fact that that project is intended to benefit eight or nine villages in Udayagiri taluk; and

(d) whether the Government will be pleased to call for detailed information as to the possibilities of the project and place it on the table of the House?

A.—A copy of the Executive Engineer's report[a] No. 1961 M., dated 13th November 1928, explaining the circumstances under which the scheme was abandoned is laid on the table.

Mr. B. RAMACHANDRA REDDI:—"In the appendix attached to this question, we find that the figures have been varying from 1,338 acres to 220 acres and from 220 acres to 76 acres. May I request the hon. the Revenue Member to cause a reinvestigation of the whole scheme?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS:—"It has been investigated five or six times."

Irrigation schemes in Kollegal taluk.

*898 Q. Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether any satisfactory progress has been made regarding the irrigation schemes in Kollegal taluk of the Coimbatore district and at what stage each of the schemes is;

(b) whether there has been a proposal to construct a bridge over the Onnalai river near Kollegal and to put sluices with a niche to take water from the river to the tanks below and, if so, in what stage that matter is;

(c) whether the Gundal river supplies water to several tanks in or near Coimbatore and whether the quantity of water in the river has been very much reduced on account of the existence of dams across the river and tributaries near the source put up by Mr. Morris, the owner of the Athikal estate; and, if so, whether the Government have considered the desirability of having those dams removed; and

(d) whether the Government have before them any proposal of immediately taking on hand one or more of the irrigation schemes in view of a long series of years of drought in that taluk?

a Printed as Appendix X on pages 534–535 infra.

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A.—(*a*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given at the meeting of the 31st July 1927 in reply to his question (No. 792) on the subject. The progress since made in the investigation of irrigation schemes in the Kollegal taluk is shown in the statement [a] attached.

(*b*) Please see item 3 in the statement.

(*c*) The Gundal river is the main source of supply to several tanks. Mr. Morris was granted permission to use water from the river on payment of Rs. 5 per annum on the condition that the water taken is returned back to the stream, excepting the small wastage in his factory. There is no reason to believe that the small storage tank, which is a mere pond made by him, affects the irrigation lower down.

(*d*) No irrigation schemes are ready for execution. Minor improvements and repairs to tanks and channels are being done where necessary.

Mr. C. V. VENKATRAMANA AYYANGAR:—"May I know when the permission was given to Mr. Morris?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS:—"Notice, Sir."

Supply of water in the Owk tank in the Kurnool district.

*899 *Q*.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state in terms of day's supply—

(*a*) what the quantity of water was on the 15th of August 1928 in the Owk tank in the Kurnool district;

(*b*) what it was on the 15th of September;

(*c*) what are the reasons for the shortage, if any; and

(*d*) what the rainfall was at Owk during the months July, August and September?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*d*) A report has been called for.

Accumulation of sand and silt on the bed of the Godavari river.

*900 *Q*.—Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state with reference to the answer to question No. 600 answered on 12th October 1928 regarding the accumulation of sand and silt on the bed of the Godavari river—

(*a*) whether the report called for has been received by the Government; and

(*b*) if so, whether the same will be placed on the table?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The report called for has not yet been received.

Repairs to the aqueduct at Gorripudi in the East Godavari district.

*901 *Q*.—Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the aqueduct at Gorripudi in the East Godavari district has twelve vents of which only four are functioning and the rest have been silted up for a number of years;

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[a] Printed as Appendix XI on page 433 infra.